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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DIA DE LOS MUERTOS CELEBRATES CHILDREN AND PETS BY INVITING SAN ANTONIO YOUTH TO PARTICIPATE**

The Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center presents **Día de los Muertos/ Día de los Angelitos** on Saturday, November 1 at the Guadalupe Theater, 1301 Guadalupe St. The event begins at 3 p.m. with free art workshops for children until 4 p.m. Thereafter, there will be a reception, on-going performances and viewing of *ofrendas* (offerings) until 7 p.m. The *ofrenda* exhibit continues on Sunday, November 2 between 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. Both events are free and open to the public; however, donations are appreciated. The *ofrenda* exhibit runs through November 8. Exhibit hours are Monday thru Friday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The Guadalupe will present *ofrendas* for the deceased children and pets of San Antonio community members. Over 12 San Antonio schools will participate in the *ofrendas*, including Lanier H.S., Alamo Heights H.S., Holmes H.S. Edgewood Academy, Cooper Middle School, Travis Elem. and Cambridge Elem. “We are giving our youth the opportunity to participate in an activity that educates them that death is a natural extension of life and that this is a process that strengthens family ties and enduring love with those members who have passed away,” says Mary Jessie Garza, Arts Education Program Director at the Guadalupe. On **November 1** the public will also enjoy performances by members of the Guadalupe Dance Company and Mariachi, Grupo Animo, Discover Animo, and Drumming students between 4 -7 p.m., with continuous viewing of *ofrendas*. The Guadalupe Theater is being transformed into a huge altar encompassing many altares. Despite its ancient roots, Dia de los Muertos continues to be a festivity faithfully celebrated within the Latino community.

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